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FROM US MBFR REP

EO: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REP

1. SOVIET REP KVITSINSKIY TELEPHONED US REP MORNING OF APRIL 10 JUST PRIOR TO SCHEDULED QUADRILATERAL MEETING. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING THE NECESSARY BACKING IN MOSCOW FOR THE POSITION SOVIET REPS HAD TAKEN IN APRIL 7 SESSION WITH US AND NETHERLANDS REPS, AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO GO TO BRATISLAVA LATER THAT MORNING IN ORDER TO TELEPHONE MOSCOW IN THIS REGARD. HE ASKED THAT SCHEDULED MEETING IF POSSIBLE BE DEPT SHORT SO THAT HE COULD MAKE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED PHONE CONTACT.

2. DURING MEETING, KVITSINSKIY URGED US REP TO CONCLUDE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ON LEAVING BUILDING, HE ONCE AGAIN INDICATED THAT THE SITUATION WAS NOT GOOD AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED. HE ASKED WHETHER US REP WOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. LATTER REPLIED THAT HE AND NETHERLANDS REP WERE ALWAYS READY TO MEET WITH THE SOVIETS.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT KVITSINSKIY IS ENGAGING IN THEATRICALS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ALLIED REPS, HE STRUCK US AS BEING GENUINELY CONCERNED OVER PROSPECTS FOR PROPOSAL HE AND KHLESTOV HAD ADVANCED ON APRIL 7. CHANCES ARE THEY WILL OBTAIN ENDORSEMENT. IF SOVIET REPS ARE IN GENUINE DIFFICULTIES ON THEIR OWN SIDE, THIS COULD WORK OUT TO SOVIET DISADVANTAGE RATHER THAN THAT OF THE ALLIES. ALLIED REPS HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING THEIR PREFERENCE FOR AN AGREED FORMULATION KEEPING HUNGARY IN ABEYANCE WHICH USES THE TROOPS AND TERRITORY FORMULA TO BE ADDED TO THE ENLARGEMENT FORMULA, AND THEREFORE HAVE AN ALTERNATE POSITION TO PUSH IF THE SOVIET REPS ARE OBLIGED TO RENEGE CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ACCEPTABLE EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS.

4. US REP INFORMED NETHERLANDS REP OF KVITSINSKIY' S CALL AND WILL INFORM AD HOC GROUP. HUMES

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